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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-40 and add the following new claims 41-66: